to be available at Maharashtra is fully allocated. No allocation has been made for the power project at Rewas/Mandria. It is not feasible to consider any allocation for new projects. The supply of gas to Maharashtra is being stepped up to the level of 16 MMSCND with the commissioning of the ICP-Heera Trunk line.

Comparative Price of GAIL Gas from Oman

6263. SHRI CHINMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the GAIL price of gas per 1,000 cubic meter is Rs. 2,800 and the gas price from Oman pipe line is to cost Rs. 5,800 per 1,000 cubic meter; and

(b) what amount has been spent on exploration of Oman gas Pipe Line and by when the study of all the connected aspects would be over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The current price of gas sold by GAIL is Rs. 1850 per thousand cubic meter exclusive of transportation charges, royalty, duties and taxes. The price of Oman gas will be linked to the international prices of a basket of crude and products, according to a formula to be mutually agree.

(b) The Government of India has not incurred any expenditure on exploration of Oman Gas Pipeline, Phase-II of the feasibility stutly undertaken by the Oman Oil Company is scheduled to be completed by mid-1995.

Sanctioning of Diesel Pumps on Recommendations of Punjab Government

6264. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 diesel utility pumps were allotted on the recommendation of the Punjab Government in favour of different parties in 1981;

(b) if so, what are the names of these parties;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the parties except one, have been sanctioned the diesel pumps and they have started operations; and

(d) if so, the reasons to keep pending the allotment of this party and what is the present stage of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The Government of Punjab recommended for the regularisation of the following 18 diesel utility pumps in 1981.

1. M/s. Handa Oil Store, Jadla, Jalandhar.
2. M/s. Joginder Pal Subhash Chandra. Aur, Jalandhar.
3. M/s. Surinder Oil Store, Sangojal, Kapurthala.
4. M/s. Hem Rai Gopal Krishnan, Ditturpur, Patiala.
5. M/s. Jagdamba F/STN , Jakhepal, Sangrur.
6. M/s. Bajaj Oil Stores, Muloindpur, Jalandhar.
7. M/s. Adampur Oil Stores, Adampur, Jalandhar.
8. M/s. Surinder Paul, Shaina, Sangrur.
9. M/s. Subhash Oil Stores, Malaud, Ludhiana.
10. M/s. Krishan Lal Dinesh Kumar, Behram, Jalandhar.

11. M/s. Thappar Flg. Stn., Babarpur, Patiala.

12. M/s. Husan Lal Mukand Lal, Rajpur Bhaian, Hoshiarpur.

13. M/s. Kisan Flg. Stn., Chhajli, Sangrur.

14. M/s. Lal Singh, Gehal, Sangrur.

15. M/s. Jivan Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Gharachaon, Sangrur.

16. M/s. Bansal Oil Traders, Dharamgarh, Sangrur.

17. M/s. Utility Pump at Jhoke, Harihar, Ferozepur.

18. M/s. Utility Pump at Jadla, Jalandhar.

Out of these, the pumps at Sl. Nos. 1 to 15 were regularised. The remaining three pumps were not regularised as these were found unfit.

Committee on Pricing of Natural Gas

6265. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Committee to work out a new formula for pricing of natural gas in the country; and

(b) if so, what would be the composition of this committee and the terms of reference thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Principal, Administrative Staff college of India (ASCI) with representatives from the Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of P&NG has been constituted to make recommendations on natural gas prices.

The Committee will review the existing pricing policy, including structure and levels of the prices and recommend changes required in the principles for determining these prices and in the actual levels of the prices.

मध्य प्रदेश में पेट्रोल और डीजल के लिए खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र

6266. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में पेट्रोल और डीजल के कितने खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र खोले जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार राज्य में और अधिक रसोई गैस एजेंसियां तथा पेट्रोल और डीजल के खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र खोलने का है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्योरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के (राज्य मंत्री) कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (ग) पिछली विपणन योजनाओं से लंबित स्थानों के अतिरिक्त मध्य प्रदेश की 1993-96 की खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र विपणन योजना और 1994-96 की एल पी जी विपणन योजना में 63 खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र डीलरशिपों और 88 एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों को सम्मिलित किया गया है। डीलरों/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों का चयन मध्य प्रदेश के तेल चयन बोर्ड के माध्यम से चरणबद्ध पद्धति से निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार किया जाता है।

Demand and Supply of LPG Petrol and Diesel in Rajasthan

6267. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel/LPG agencies in Rajasthan as on the 24th April, 1995;

(b) the present position of the supply and demand of petrol/diesel/LPG in that State;

(c) whether any requests for opening of more such agencies in Rajasthan, particularly in hill/desert areas of the State, are pending till date and whether shortage of supply thereof has been reported in any particular district of the State; and

(d) if so, by when full demand of Rajasthan for petrol/diesel/LPG is likely to be met, indicating the number of